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DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 08/17/2004 and 06/01/2004 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant does not specifically explain how newly submitted claims 27-34 avoid the references of record. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

Applicant should very clearly set forth the reasons how each of the newly presented independent claims 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 define over the prior art by addressing the prior art of record as it relates to the limitations of the newly presented claims.

2. Applicant should see claim 32, line 2 as to its dependnecy on itself.

3. COMMENT INTENDED TO ADVANCE PROSECUTION:

Canceling newly presented claims 27-34 should leave claims 6, 14-16 and 23 in the application which appear to be allowable.

4. Applicant should note that the examiner reserves the option of requiring restriction and/or election, in due course, pursuant to MPEP 821.03, MPEP 811, etc., based on applicant's response to the office action of 03/01/2004.

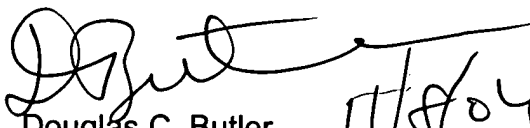
5. JP2002-163882, EP001209685A2 and EP001209685A3 are cited to complete the record.

6. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas C. Butler whose telephone number is 703-308-2575. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 5:30 am to 2pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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